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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, ranging steady to about steady, instances barely steady in all areas. Demand into all channels was slow to moderate with fast food and retail ads having best interest. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample with heavier weights in the longest balance. In the parts structure, demand was mostly light to fair. Tenders were clearing well, but the remaining breast cuts and wings were at least adequate. Dark meat was available, however, leg quarters and boneless thigh meat were in the tightest positions. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 67.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.00 cents last year on April 20, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	141.50
BREASTS - B/S	111.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	59.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	71.00
LEG QUARTERS	17.00
WINGS	85.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand was mostly light to fair, best for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was fair to moderate. Dark meat was sufficient to better balanced, aided by export interest. Tenders were in good supply, and all other breast items and wings were adequate to readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair, best where features were planned. The market tone was no better than about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate for trade needs. Leg quarters, tenders and boneless skinless thigh meat were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were at least sufficient.

MIDWEST REGION Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Offerings were fully adequate for the limited trade call. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate. Best demand noted on retail features and fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to occasionally ample; weights desirable. Part supplies were adequate with boneless dark meat and leg quarters offering prices trending higher. The market tone was steady to fully steady on dark meat parts and steady on the remainder of items.

WESTERN REGION Trade sentiments were about steady to steady. Offerings generally adequate for WOGs less than 3.5 pounds, but ample on heavier weights. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was light to moderate, with best interest noted to cover feature activities. Floor stocks were easily adequate for immediate needs.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES **DOWN 1 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 15, 2006. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED **DOWN 3 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 15, 2006. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through April 15, 2006 were 2.62 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL **19 SELECTED STATES**

	WEEK ENDING 04/15/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	214,254	215,452		-01
CHICKS PLACED	171,818	176,765		-03

Source: NASS,USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 27-May-06 is estimated at 160.7 million head. This compares to 161.4 million head the previous week and to 166.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 73.20 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	559	86.00-113.00	90-100	96.42
TENDERLOINS	290	92.00-150.00	95-99	109.86
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	52.00-65.00	54-56	55.72
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	149	17.00-38.00	19-20	21.35
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	562	13.00-18.00	15	15.15
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,060	14.00-25.00	16	15.96
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
WINGS (CUT)	245	86.00-96.00	90-94	91.51
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
34.00-38.00	35.58

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	719	88.00-150.00	90-95	97.61
TENDERLOINS	268	89.00-147.00	92-98	94.63
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	188	18.00-38.00	19-20	20.66
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	562	13.00-18.00	14-15	14.78
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,120	14.00-25.00	16	17.11
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	65.00-94.00	68-72	73.87
WINGS (CUT)	300	86.00-96.00	-	90.77
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
33.50-38.00	35.50	35.17

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light to mostly fair during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were more than sufficient for current trade needs. Boneless skinless thigh meat and tenderloins were clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were about adequate to at least adequate with drumsticks noted as slow to clear. Wings were adequate to fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was at least steady leg quarters, boneless skinless thigh meat and tenderloins. The balance of items were generally steady.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	100-105	97.47	543,640
TENDERLOINS	100	94.38	209,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	65.35	71,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	59.22	82,800
LEGS	29-30	26.53	168,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15-16	21.03	271,520
DRUMSTICKS	20-21	23.98	112,820
THIGHS	23-24	30.71	55,360
B/S THIGHS	73-74	66.50	112,960
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	69.32	259,380
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.98	25,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	29.61	20,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	48.01	20,320

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	100-105	97.76	618,284
TENDERLOINS	100	98.18	120,520
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	65.92	66,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	59.67	54,000
LEGS	29-30	28.21	193,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	17.02	368,040
DRUMSTICKS	20-21	22.09	171,760
THIGHS	23-24	31.38	38,720
B/S THIGHS	73-74	65.35	96,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	73.52	254,164
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.39	16,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	25.38	10,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	46.85	16,200

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)	WTS
	04/19	04/18	04/17	04/14	04/17	04/14	04/12	04/10
Alabama	3,987	4,117	4,042	2,953	5.50	4.80	3,929	5.44
Arkansas	5,387	5,458	5,349	4,629	5.33	4.99	5,284	4.98
Delmarva	2,292	2,113	1,330	2,559	6.15	5.81	2,319	5.67
KY-LA-TN	2,306	2,288	2,063	2,489	5.30	4.96	2,237	5.17
Mississippi	2,764	2,948	2,869	2,732	5.89	5.55	2,498	5.84
North Car	2,636	2,658	1,946	2,690	6.84	6.61	2,523	6.62
Texas	2,489	2,481	2,508	2,473	5.32	5.15	2,465	5.27
Total	21,861	22,063	20,107	19,729	5.64	5.35	21,255	5.51
Mon-Wed	64,420(A)						60,469(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-Apr-06 is estimated to be 32,707,000 head up 2.55 percent from a week ago and up 2.76 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,895,000, last year 31,830,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-105
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-103
	DRY PACK	108-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109
DUCKS		185-190

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Apr-06

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/22/06 (1)	04/15/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	158,541 (2)	161,391
Light hens	1,171	1,102
Heavy hens	1,456	1,332
Total	161,168	163,825

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Apr-06 is 164.4 million head compared to 163.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.9 million head or 5.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 29-Apr-06 the estimated available is 166.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 04/17/06	79,498	66,167
AM 04/01/06	81,033	64,881
CHG	-1,535	1,286
PCT CHG	-2	2

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	04/17/06	04/10/06	04/18/05	04/17/06	04/10/06	04/18/05
PACIFIC						
COAST	447	718	3,979	7,265	7,420	6,069
LOS ANGELES	65	65	45	3,231	3,534	3,275

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2006

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	69-76
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	72-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 04/18/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	.85	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	6.25	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.00	2.00	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	3.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.20	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.10	1.20	1.16	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.50	1.55	1.52	RABBITS ea.	-	2.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.50	9.75	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	13.25	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	.50	2.50	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	42						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending April 14, 2006

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	69.84	152.00	82.16	12.32	4.11	57.52
High	76.82	156.11	90.38	16.43	4.11	57.52
Mostly	69.84	152.00	86.27	12.32	4.11	57.52
SAN JUAN						
Low	69.84	156.11	78.06	12.32	4.11	57.52
High	74.77	160.22	82.16	16.43	8.22	57.52
Mostly	69.84	156.11	82.16	12.32	4.11	57.52
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	69.84	152.00	78.06	8.22	4.11	57.52
High	73.95	156.11	82.16	12.32	8.22	57.52
Mostly	69.84	152.00	78.06	8.22	4.11	57.52
BECERRA						
Low	69.84	156.11	90.38	12.32	4.11	61.62
High	76.00	164.33	94.49	16.43	8.22	61.62
Mostly	69.84	160.22	90.38	16.43	4.11	61.62

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate and offerings were generally noted as adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, offerings were adequate and in generally good balance. Thighs were closely cleared and additional offerings were held with confidence.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	42-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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